1		2	3
21.	Tamil Nadu	4	13
22.	Sikkim	56	69
23.	Tripura	5	7
24.	Uttar Pradesh	13	27
25.	West Bengal	1*	6
	UNION TERRITORY		
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	20	5
2.	Chandigarh	1*	0
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1*	60
4.	Delhi	1*	—
5.	Daman & Diu	1	
6.	Lakshadweep & Minicoy Islands	1*	5
7.	Pondicherry	1	

*AIR coverage in these states can be normally taken as 100% i.e. without taking into consideration the special requirement of certain situations.

Setting up of Nickel Extraction Plant at Sukinda, Orissa

1254. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a nickel extraction plant at Sukinda in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon;

(c) the estimated cost of the project; and

(d) the year in which the nickel extraction plant is going to be set up at Sukinda?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Employment to Non SC/ST Candidates on Production of SC/ST Certificate

1255. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to such cases regarding the employment of non-SC/ST candidates on production of SC & ST certificate;

(b) if so, the Union Territories from where such matter has been reported;

(c) the steps taken to check such incidents and observe the employment policy for SC & ST; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe certificates are issued by the revenue authorities of the State Governments/ U.T. Administrations. Complaint, if any received, is referred to the concerned State Government/U.T. Administration for appropriate action.

(c) and (d) Detailed instructions have been issued to all the State Governments/ U.T. Administrations for proper enquiry and verification of the claims before issue of SC/ST certificates. The officials who issue certificate carelessly and without proper verification are liable for action under the relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code in addition to the action to which they are liable under the

appropriate disciplinary rules applicable to them. Action is also taken against those who are holding false Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe certificates.

Revised prices of land meant for hospitals and schools

1256. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently revised prices of land meant for hospitals and schools in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The land rates for allotment of land to social, cultural, educational, charitable and religious institutions of non-profit making character other than recognised and aided educational institutions and local bodies managed hospitals and public utility services were revised on 4.10.88 with effect from 1.4.87.

(b) The revised rates are as indicated in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 67.]

(c) The land rates have been revised taking into consideration the increase in land value in different localities.

Loss of foodgrains in storage

1257. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate quantity and value of loss of foodgrains in storage during the years 1986, 1987, 1988; and

(b) what steps Government have so far taken to reduce the losses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) The storage losses of foodgrains incurred by FCI during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 and 1987-88 are given below:

(quantity in lakh Mts value in Rs. crores)

year	Qty. issued	Shortages		% of storage losses to qty. issued
		Qty.	Value	
1985-86	416.3	1.95	48.49	0.47
1986-87	463.7	2.23	53.00	0.48
1987-88	502.7	2.05	52.48	0.41

(b) The Food Corporation of India has taken a number of steps to reduce storage losses such as procurement of foodgrains within specifications, augmentation of covered storage capacity, better preservation, tightening of security etc.

New Scheme for scientific storage of foodgrains

1258. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new scheme for scientific storage of foodgrains in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Construction of scientific storage capacity for foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation is a continuing activity. The storage capacity available with these Corporations as also State Governments and their agencies is at present adequate to meet requirement of the buffer and operational stock level. Scientific storage capacity of 3.46 lakh tonnes is however at present under construction by the Food Corporation of India to take care of